## REMARKS

In light of the telephone discussion with the Examiner on August 12, 2004, Claim 1 has been amended to add the limitations of Claim 10 and Claim 10 has been cancelled.

In order to rejoin the method claims, Claims 11-18, Claim 11 has been amended to add the limitations of Claims 1 and 10. Because of the amendment to Claim 11, Claims 12, 13 and 17 have been cancelled and Claim 15 has been amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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